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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR ATTACHE AIRCRAFT

1. THE US DEFENSE ATTACHE TO SOUTH AFRICA IS FERRYING A
REAPLACEMENT ATTACHE AIRCRAFT FROM THE US TO SOUTH AFRICA.
PRESENTLY THE CREW AND AIRCRAFT ARE HOLDING IN FRANKFURT,
GERMANY PENDING ROUTINE CLEARANCES.

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2. BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN ANGOLA, WE WOULD

LIKE TO AVOID ROUTE FROM KINSHASA INVOLVING FLIGHT OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS ADJACENT TO ANGOLA AND REFUELING STOP AT WALVIS BAY. ROUTING BY EAST AFRICA APPEARS INFEASIBLE. THE GOVERNMENT OF MADAGASCAR HAS INDICATED ORALLY THAT OUR REQUEST FOR LANDING AT TANANARIVE WILL PROBABLY BE REFUSED.

3. WE PREFER ROUTING KINSHASA, TO LUBUMBASHI FOR REFUELING AND CREW REST, AND THEN OVERFLY ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA TO PRETORIA. LUSAKA AND GABORONE ARE REQUESTED TO APPLY FOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR THIS AIRCRAFT WHICH WOULD OVERFLY THOSE TWO COUNTRIES FIVE DAYS AFTER THE PERMISSION IS RECEIVED.

4. THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE USED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS: (A) AIRCRAFT IS FOR SOLE USE OF US EMBASSY, SOUTH AFRICA; (B) AIRCRAFT IS ESSENTIAL FOR TRAVEL OF ATTACHE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF. EMBASSY HAS BEEN WITHOUT ITS PLANE SINCE NOV. 1975. ATTACHES ARE ALSO ACCREDITED TO LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND; (C) AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT IS PART OF A WORLDWIDE PROGRAM TO REPLACE OLDER ATTACHE AIRCRAFT. PLANE IN KINSHASA ALSO IS BEING REPLACED THIS YEAR; (D) AIRCRAFT IS A BEECHCRAFT, SIX PASSENGER, TWIN ENGINE TURBOPROPS, AND HAS NO ARMAMENTS OR PROVOCATIVE EQUIPMENT. IT IS AN EXECUTIVE TRANSPORT NOT A COMBAT PLANE; (E) LIMITED RANGE AND RELATIVELY UNSOPHISTICATED NAVIGATIONAL AIDS PRECLUDE ROUTES INVOLVING LONG STRETCHES OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

5. SPECIFIC DATA TO REQUEST AIRCRAFT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR ZAMBIA IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. PURPOSE OF MISSION: TO DELIVER USAF C-12 AIRCRAFT TO US EMBASSY SOUTH AFRICA.

B. SERIAL NUMBER 73-1213; TYPE AIRCRAFT C-12; ALTERNATE: NONE.

C. DEPARTURE: LUBUMBASHI, ZAIRE 17 FEB/0800 LOCAL
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D. ARRIVE: PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA 17 FEB/1430 LOCAL.

E. NO ENROUTE STOPS/OVERFLIGHT ONLY.

F. PILOT: COL LAVERNE G. STANGE; MAJ WALTER M. GOFF;
MSGT CARIBARDI, FREDERICK A.; ALL U.S. CITIZENS.

G. NO CARGO/OVERFLIGHT ONLY.

H. CALL SIGN: SLIP 31

I. NO PASSENGERS

J. FOR LANDINGS AND TAKEOFFS, STATE SINGLE WHEEL LOAD
AND TIRE PRESSURE AT MAXIMUM WEIGHTS: N/A OVERFLIGHT
ONLY.

K. FLIGHT ALTITUDE: 27,000 FEET

L. AIRCRAFT WILL ADHERE TO ALL LOCAL ATC REGULATIONS.

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ROUTING WITHIN ZAMBIAN AIRSPACE WILL BE: ENTER 12 - 00
SOUTH, 27 - 52 EAST; DIRECT TO NDOLA VOR; DIRECTO TO
LUSAKA VOR; EXIT: DIRECT TO 17 - 33 SOUTH, 24 - 20 EAST.
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